Grandmother's Applesauce Cake

1 cup butter or margarine
2 cups sugar
2 eggs
3 cups sifted flour
1½ teaspoons nutmeg
1 tablespoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cloves
1 tablespoon soda
2½ cups homemade applesauce
2 tablespoons dark corn syrup
1 cup raisins
1 cup nuts
1 teaspoon vanilla

Cream butter and sugar. Beat in eggs, one at a time. Sift dry ingredients and blend into creamed butter alternately with applesauce and syrup. Fold in raisins and nuts. Bake in 9-inch tube pan at 300 F. for one hour (no more). Ice with powdered sugar. At Christmas, add cherries, dates and citrus fruits. □